



SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

**Congressman Mo Brooks is proud to nominate
a select group of candidates from the Fifth Congressional District
to be considered for appointments to the:**

- **U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO**
- **U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY**
 - **U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY**
 - **U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD**

Appointments to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT, do not require Congressional Nomination.
Visit www.uscga.edu for information.

CANDIDATE CRITERIA:

- Applicant must live in the 5th Congressional District of Alabama.
- Applicant must meet all Academy requirements.
- Applicant must be at least 17 years old, and not have passed their 23rd birthday by July 1 of the year of entry to the Military, Naval or Air Force Academies and have not passed their 25th birthday for the Merchant Marine Academy.
- Applicant must be unmarried, not be pregnant, and have no legal obligation for support to children or other dependents.
- Applicant must be a United States Citizen by the Congressional Nomination application deadline date.

**For further information or to request an application packet for Congressional Nomination to a
U.S. Military Service Academy contact Sandy Garvey, Special Projects Coordinator at:**

**OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN MO BROOKS,
2101 W. CLINTON AVENUE, SUITE 302,
HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805
(256) 551-0190 or sandy.garvey@mail.house.gov**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION FOR CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS:

Applicants for Congressional Nomination for the **Class of 2018** must submit the **CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION FORM** and other **required documents** (see checklist) by **Thursday, October 31, 2013 to:**

SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS
OFFICE of CONGRESSMAN MO BROOKS (AL-05)
2101 W. CLINTON AVENUE, SUITE 302
HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805

For further information or to request an application packet, please contact Sandy Garvey at the Huntsville district office at sandy.garvey@mail.house.gov or (256) 551-0190.

CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS:

All required documents must be received **no later than Thursday, October 31, 2013** to complete each applicant's file. Eligible applicants with a complete file will be scheduled for an interview. Interviews will be held in November. Applicants will be notified as to date/time of their interview.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

A member of Congress may nominate up to ten applicants per vacancy and is not permitted to have more than five men or women in each academy at one time. Generally, a vacancy is created only by graduation. A nomination by Congressman Brooks does not guarantee an appointment to an academy.

Congressman Brooks has established a nominating board. The board will review applications, interview prospective candidates and make final selection of Alabama District 5 nominees to be submitted to the academies. Nominations are based on a "whole person" evaluation. Factors such as academic achievement, extracurricular activities, leadership skills, physical aptitude, character and motivation are taken into consideration and compared with other applicants. Nominations will be determined using the competitive method with all nominees submitted unranked to the academies, allowing equal opportunity for each candidate nominated from the district.

Some academies will begin to notify candidates of their admission status as early as January. All offers of appointment are generally sent out by May 2014.

REMINDERS:

- EACH ACADEMY HAS ITS OWN SELECTION PROCESS FOR ADMITTANCE. APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR EACH ACADEMY THAT THEY ARE CONSIDERING ATTENDING.
- MEDICAL EXAMINATION: IT IS ADVISABLE THAT APPLICANT'S SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EXAMINATION REVIEW BOARD (DoDMERB) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MEDICAL SCHEDULING AND EVALUATION ARE TIME-CONSUMING PROCESSES AND MAY TAKE FROM SIX WEEKS TO FOUR MONTHS.
- TO BETTER THEIR CHANCES OF OBTAINING A NOMINATION, AN APPLICANT MAY WISH TO SEND AN APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO EACH OF OUR U.S. SENATORS AND TO THE VICE PRESIDENT. VISIT THEIR WEBSITES FOR DETAILS.

CHECKLIST

☐ **CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION FORM**

Please type or print legibly **and** sign.

☐ **TRANSCRIPTS**

Official transcripts from your most recent high school and, if applicable, college

☐ **SAT / ACT SCORES**

In order to be considered for a nomination, you must have taken the SAT/ACT prior to October 2013 in order to meet our October 31, 2013 deadline. However, your test scores can be updated up to the time of your interview before the nominating board if your score is higher on a later test. You must have official copies of your scores sent to Congressman Brooks' Huntsville office. SAT code is 1226; ACT code is 7215.

☐ **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Three (3) letters of recommendation in a sealed envelope from adult non-family members, for example, teachers, counselors, employers, coaches, clergy, and scout leaders

☐ **ESSAY**

A short essay of 150-200 words describing why you are interested in attending a service academy

☐ **RESUME**

Current resume; include extracurricular activities, leadership positions, academic and athletic accomplishments, and other relevant awards and distinctions

☐ **RECENT WALLET-SIZED PHOTO**

Please staple a photograph of yourself, no larger than 2.5" x 3", where indicated on the upper left-hand corner of the application.

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Place PHOTO Here



Please indicate which academy you would like to attend; if interested in more than one academy, please rank them in order of preference:

_____ Air Force

_____ Merchant Marine

_____ Naval

_____ West Point

CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION FORM

NAME: _____
Last First Middle

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____
Street Address

City State Zip County

PHONE NUMBER: _____ (home) _____ (cell)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ GRADUATION Mo/Yr: _____ / _____

GPA: _____ RANK IN CLASS: _____ of _____ students

HIGHEST SAT SCORES: Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____

HIGHEST ACT SCORES: English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____

An appointment to a service academy is based on a desire by the candidate to devote a lifetime of military service and implies recognition by the appointee of an obligation to the government to devote himself/herself to a military career. Are you interested in an appointment on that basis? ____ Yes ____ No

Name of hometown newspaper: _____

Is it okay to use your name in a press release after receiving a nomination or appointment? ____ Yes ____ No

I am a U.S. citizen and legal resident of the 5th Congressional District of Alabama. I certify that the information I have provided in this application packet is accurate. Additionally, I understand that I will not be considered for a nomination if my applicant file is incomplete **or** required documents are not received by the **October 31, 2013 deadline**.

Signature

Date

You may also wish to attend our Academy Day (see announcement below), a unique opportunity for students and parents to meet with representatives of the service academies to discuss the application process, academy life, and career opportunities within the various branches of the military.

U.S. Congressman Mo Brooks (AL-05)

Proudly Announces

“Academy Day”



For all high school students in Alabama's 5th Congressional District
interested in a service academy appointment

September 22, 2013

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Madison Academy Cafeteria
325 Slaughter Road
Madison, Alabama**

**MEET REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING
SERVICE ACADEMIES:**

**US Air Force
US Coast Guard
US Merchant Marine
US Military
US Naval**

**STUDENTS, PARENTS, GUIDANCE COUNSELORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS
ARE ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND**

*Inquiries contact Mrs. Sandy Garvey at
256-551-0190 or sandy.garvey@mail.house.gov*

